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**Proposed Amendment**

1. (currently amended): A computer-implemented method of processing data relating to the performance of a business enterprise in creating value, comprising:

developing a data structure, by use of a computer system, including one or more assumed variables that have an influence on a future financial value stream of the business enterprise and at least one future or past event linked to each assumed variable that influences the corresponding assumed variable;

determining, by use of the computer system, a first present value of the future financial value stream of the business enterprise with respect to a first point in time by aggregating the influences on the future financial value stream attributable to the assumed variables and adjusting the future financial value stream for a time value of money;

receiving as input into the computer system data from a user indicating the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more of the future events;

determining, by use of the computer system and in response to the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more of the future events, whether one or more of the assumed variables have changed and whether the influenced future financial value stream has changed;

determining, by use of the computer system, a second present value of the future financial value stream with respect to a second point in time taking into account the one or more assumed variables that changed in response to the occurrence or non-occurrence of the one or more of the future events;

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determining a variance between the first present value and the second  
present value taking into account the time value of money between the first  
and second points in time; and  
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present value to the occurrence or non-occurrence of events between the first  
and second points in time.